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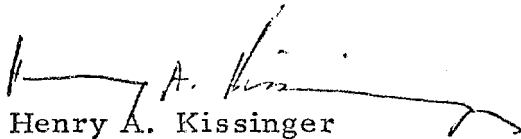
TO: The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: US-Soviet Incidents at Sea

The President has reviewed the study prepared in response to NSSM 119 on US-Soviet incidents at sea, and has approved it as the basis for the conduct of consultations and US-Soviet talks.

The President directs that the Under Secretaries Committee assume the responsibility for ensuring coordinated interagency preparations for all details of the consultations and negotiations. In this connection the Under Secretaries Committee should review the detailed agency comments on the NSSM 119 study, and assure the most appropriate sequence of events for advance allied consultations, response to the Soviets and scheduling of the talks. The Under Secretaries Committee will also be responsible for backstopping the talks.

The Chairman of the US Delegation should submit a report to the President upon the conclusion of the initial round of talks in Moscow.


Henry A. Kissinger

cc: The Director of Central Intelligence
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

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